March 3, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:35 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow, arrives at 5:53 P.M.

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Absent

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

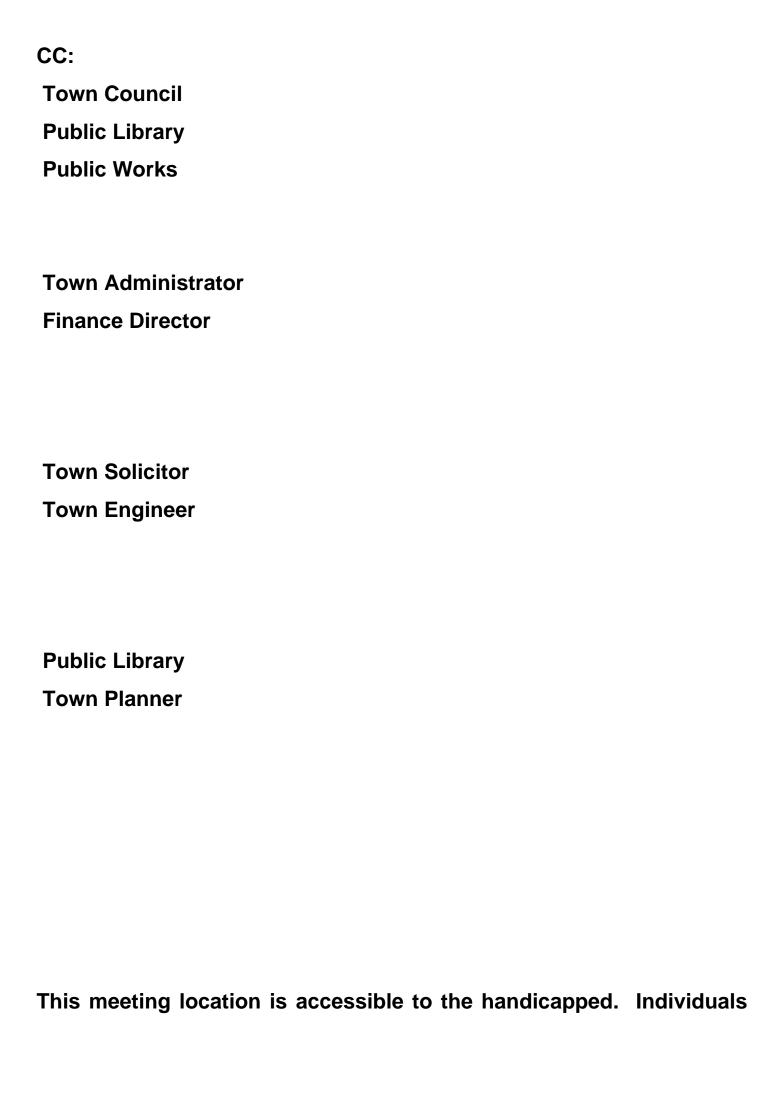
Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

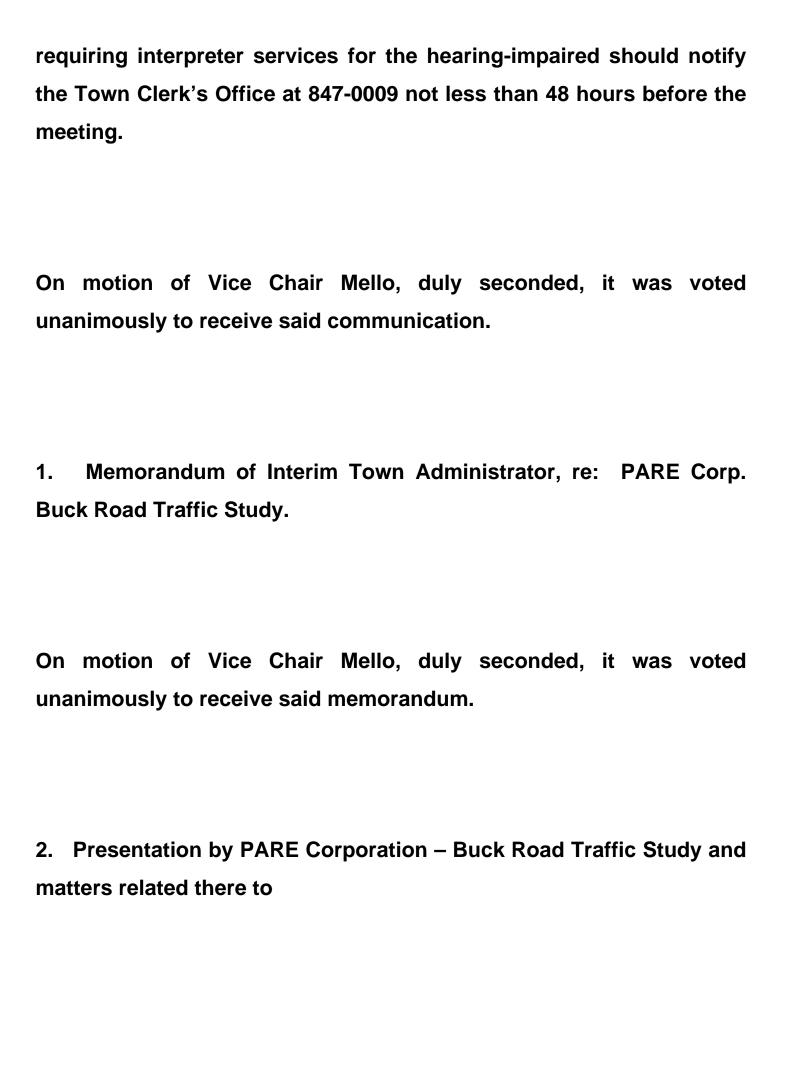
Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

	Memorandum of Interim Town Administrator, re: Pare Corp. Buck d Traffic Study.	
	Presentation by PARE Corporation – Buck Road Traffic Study and ers related there to	
Said meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.		
	Paul M. Rodrigues, President	
	Middletown Town Council	





On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said presentation.

Town Planner Ronald Wolanski addressed the Council reviewing the area layout entered here:

Mr. Wolanski reviewed the process followed to connect Buck Road and Forest Avenue. Presently, when Bailey Brook floods, there is no access to the Buck/Woolsey road area. The emergency access road is being connected at this time. There has been a traffic study of the area prepared by PARE Corporation. The question at this time is whether the Town should proceed to make this a fully used road.

Present representing PARE Corporation was John P. Shevlin, P.E., Vice President. Mr. Shevlin addressed the Council reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for Buck Road Extension as follows:

Councillor Sylvia requests accident data for the past 3 years of the

following areas:		
1.	West Main Road and Woolsey Road	
2.	East Main Road and Forest Avenue	
3.	Forest Avenue and West Main Road	
Manny Mello, North Beacon Terrace, noted that he thought the road would just be an emergency exit for the residents at Commodore Perry Village.		
	uce Ryerson, 391 Forest Avenue, expressed concern of traffic jams the area, if the road was to be used as a public road.	
	mantha Carfora, 25 Buck Road, urged the Council not to build a blic road noting safety concerns of children in the area.	

Karen Carfora, 25 Buck Road, does not support this access as a public road.

Frances Coulter, 24 Buck Road, addressed the Council noting concern that if the road is not used solely for emergency use, then it will become a cut through.

Gail Greenwood, 308 Forest Avenue, noted concern of too much traffic on Forest Avenue. Ms. Greenwood only supports an emergency access.

Alice Curren, 429 Forest Avenue, is in opposition to the road noting safety concerns.

On motion of Councillor DiPalma, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to forward the Buck Road study to the Planning Board

for recommendation. On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 P.M. Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC **Council Clerk**